

REMARKS

The Office Action dated March 6, 2007 has been received and reviewed by the applicant. Claims 1-14 were pending in the application. Claims 1-5, 11, 12, and 14 have been allowed, Claims 6-10 and 13 stand rejected, and Claim 11 stands objected to. Claims 6-10 were cancelled. Claims 11 and 13-14 were amended. Claims 1-5 and 11-14 remain in the application.

Claim 11 stands objected to. The objection stated:

'Claim 11, "the at least one toner identification circuits" lacks antecedent basis. It should be changed to "the at least one toner identification circuit". Appropriate correction is required.'

Antecedent basis has been corrected in Claim 11. Claim 12 depends from Claim 11.

Claim 14, which had been dependent from Claim 13, was changed into an independent claim incorporating the language of Claim 13. Claim 14 had been indicated as being allowable. The term "algorithm ... comprising" in Claim 14 was also replaced by "method ... comprising the steps of". This change is either neutral or broadening, but does not alter allowability.

Claims 6-10 and 13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Warbus et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,236,516).

Claims 6-10 were cancelled.

In relation to Claim 13, the rejection stated:

"As to claim 13, Warbus et al. discloses job selection algorithm for a multi-toner printer, comprising: enabling input of at least one job selection (via operational panel BF); identifying a toner holder installed in the multi-toner printer; and determining whether the toner holder is a correct toner holder for the at least one job selection, wherein if the toner holder is not the correct toner holder for the at least one job selection, disallowing the at least one job selection, and wherein if the toner holder is the correct toner holder for the at least one job selection, allowing the at least one job selection to print. See Fig. 1 and the detailed functioning of the control unit at Col. 7, lines 30-47."

Claim 13 has been amended to state:

13. A job selection method for a multi-toner printer, comprising the steps of:

enabling input of at least one job selection;
identifying a toner holder installed in the multi-toner
printer; and

determining whether the toner holder is a correct toner
holder for the at least one job selection, wherein if the toner holder is not
the correct toner holder for the at least one job selection, disallowing the at
least one job selection, and wherein if the toner holder is the correct toner
holder for the at least one job selection, allowing the at least one job
selection to print;

wherein said identifying further comprises:
producing a unique voltage identification signal for the
toner holder; and

converting the unique voltage identification signal into a
corresponding digital identification signal.

The term "algorithm ... comprising" in Claim 13 was also replaced
by "method ... comprising the steps of" in the same manner as in Claim 14.

Claim 13 was amended to require that the identifying step includes
the features of producing a unique voltage identification signal for the toner holder
and converting the unique voltage identification signal into a corresponding digital
identification signal. This language corresponds to language in Claim 1 and
Claim 13 is allowable on the same basis as Claim 1.

For the reasons set forth above, it is believed that the application is
in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and favorable action are
respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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